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1. THERE IS A REUTER'S REPORT OUT OF JERUSALEM WHICH

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EGYPTIANS MAY READ A GREAT DEAL INTO WHICH IS NOT JUSTIFIED.

THE REPORT READS AS FOLLOWS:

A. "ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN DECLARED TONIGHT THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT SIGN A FURTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT UNLESS IT IS PRECEDED BY FACE-TO-FACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL."

ACTUALLY, WHAT RABIN SAID IS AS FOLLOWS:

B. "ISRAEL HAS AGREED TO NEGOTIATE WITH EGYPT ON AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE UNITED STATES. BUT IN ANY CASE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WILL NOT REACH ITS CONCLUSION AND AN AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE SIGNED WITHOUT DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS, FACE-TO-FACE, BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN DELEGATIONS."

2. THE ISRAELI EMBASSY HAS JUST CALLED TO SAY THAT THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT THIS WOULD BE MISINTERPRETED

AS MEANING SOMETHING NEW. THIS IS NOT THE CASE. EMBASSY SAYS THEY HAVE IN MIND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE BEFORE BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVES IN WORKING OUT IMPLEMENTING DETAILS OF PREVIOUS DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ISRAELIS ARE BRIEFING THE PRESS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN THIS, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN
THE PREVIOUS DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.
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